

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2517

Introduced by Assembly Member Portantino

February 21, 2008

An act to amend Section 44227 of the Education Code, relating to teachers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2517, as introduced, Portantino. Teacher credentialing.

Existing law establishes in state government the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, and authorizes the commission to approve an institution of higher education to recommend to the commission the issuance of credentials to persons who have successfully completed a teacher education program of the institution. Existing law requires the commission to grant credentials to applicants who have successfully completed a teacher education program in those institutions.

This bill would authorize an institution, such as a school district, county office of education, or a community-based or nongovernmental organization, to submit a teacher education program to the commission for approval. The bill would also authorize the commission to issue teaching credentials to candidates who have successfully completed an approved teacher education program offered by those institutions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 44227 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:

1 44227. (a) The commission may approve any institution of
2 higher education to recommend to the commission the issuance
3 of credentials to persons who have successfully completed a teacher
4 education program of the institution if the program meets the
5 standards approved by the commission.

6 (b) An institution of higher education whose teacher education
7 program has been accredited by the commission shall approve and
8 electronically submit credential applications to the commission,
9 and the commission shall grant credentials to these applicants
10 based upon that approval.

11 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
12 commission may approve for credit any coursework completed
13 for credential purposes or for step increases in programs offered
14 in California by out-of-state institutions of higher education that
15 meet the requirements prescribed by Chapter 7 (commencing with
16 Section 94700) of Part 59 only if the program of courses is offered
17 by a regionally accredited institution and evidence of satisfactory
18 evaluation by that accrediting body is submitted by the out-of-state
19 institution to the commission for purposes of seeking approval of
20 the program and any courses within that program to enable
21 potential teachers to meet one or more requirements for a teaching
22 credential in California.

23 (d) *Any institution, including a school district, county office of*
24 *education, or community-based or nongovernmental organization*
25 *may submit a teacher education program to the commission for*
26 *approval. The commission may grant credentials to applicants*
27 *who have successfully completed an approved teacher education*
28 *program offered by these institutions.*